

House Resolution 489

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 156th, Coan of the 101st, Horne of the 71st, and Wilkinson of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Vienna International Exchange; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Vienna International Exchange (VIE) is a private public partnership that
3 represents the City and State of Vienna, Austria, in Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, founded in 2006 by the City and State of Vienna, VIE provides cultural
5 exchanges in order to enhance understanding and acceptance between the United States and
6 Central Europe; and
- 7 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Chairman Craig Lesser, Laura Paige Enzendorfer, and
8 Thomas Schwarz, VIE promotes the common interests of citizens of the United States and
9 Vienna in such areas as economic development, education, and international planning; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 2007, VIE sponsored a Memorandum of Understanding, a partnership
11 between the Georgia Department of Education and the Vienna Board of Education to
12 promote and recognize the LIA-Teach Abroad program; and
- 13 WHEREAS, through the LIA-Teach Abroad program Austrian educators are matched with
14 Georgia schools to teach a variety of subjects including math, science, special education, and
15 foreign languages; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the instructors involved in VIE's LIA-Teach Abroad program provide enhanced
17 instruction, serve as ambassadors for Austria, and foster understanding between the English
18 and German languages; and
- 19 WHEREAS, due to VIE's outstanding lobbying efforts, the Austrian Marshall Plan
20 Foundation has committed 100 full scholarships for Georgia higher education institutions for
21 students committed to the study of life sciences and technology; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
23 contributions of this amazing organization be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body commend Vienna International Exchange for advancing
26 understanding and communication between Georgia and Vienna.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Vienna International
29 Exchange.